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FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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SUBJECT: OPEC FINANCE AND OIL MINISTERS MEETINGS

REF: VIENNA 0101 (NOTAL); ABU DHABI 0058 (NOTAL);  
ROME 0200 (NOTAL)

1. OPEC SECRETARIAT EMPLOYEE TOLD EMBOFF AT SOCIAL FUNCTION JAN 11 OF NEWS OF RESUMPTION OF INTERRUPTED OIL MINISTERS MEETING AT ABU DHABI ON FEB 1. HE APPEARED CONFIDENT THAT REPORT WAS ACCURATE, SPEAKING AS THOUGH NECESSARY POLLING OF MINISTERS WAS A MERE FORMALITY. VIENNA NEWSPAPER "DIE PRESSE" OF JAN 12 CARRIED BRIEF ITEM, WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION, THAT MEETING WOULD RESUME BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY IN ABU DHABI AND THAT NINE OF THE THIRTEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES HAD ALREADY GIVEN APPROVAL. SAME WAS REPORTED BY AUSTRIAN RADIO.

2. SAME OPEC EMPLOYEE TOLD EMBOFF THAT OPEC FINANCE MINISTERS WOULD HOLD THEIR SCHEDULED JAN 26 MEETING IN PARIS RATHER THAN VIENNA SINCE EIGHT OF THE FINANCE MINISTERS WOULD BE IN PARIS FOR ANOTHER MEETING ABOUT THAT TIME ANYWAY. (EMBASSY NOT AWARE OF ANOTHER MEETING IN PARIS THAT WOULD INVOLVE AS MANY AS EIGHT OPEC FINANCE MINISTERS.)

3. AN EMBASSY PHONE CALL TO OPEC MORNING OF JAN 12 FAILED TO ELICIT OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON EITHER MEETING. RESPONSE WAS "CAN'T TELL YOU AT THE MOMENT; NOBODY KNOWS."

4. A SIDELIGHT ON ABORTED DECEMBER MEETING: ANOTHER OPEC EMPLOYEE TOLD EMBOFF THAT MINISTERS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE CONCLUDED THEIR MEETING MORNING OF SUNDAY, DEC 21, HAD ATTACK NOT OCCURRED SINCE SECRETARIES WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO WORK ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON SHIFT HAD BEEN TOLD THEY NEED NOT COME IN AFTER ALL. BUCHANAN

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